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Chair Fowler Arthur, Vice Chair Odioso, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the House Education Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Britt Prescott. I am a 31 year-old proud lifelong Ohio resident and the father of two. I'm here to urge the committee to include the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget.

Our public schools are so very important to me— they first helped me find my place and drill down a work ethic I can't imagine finding elsewhere. Now, I have the same hope for my children. In fact, the reason we are in Ohio and not elsewhere is largely because there are many phenomenal public school systems. We chose a smaller but very successful district in Loveland Public Schools.

Now, with the current proposals, it's these small yet successful schools that will feel immense strain. Large schools like Mason City Schools, Bexley, Solon, etc. will be the most likely to survive. However, in a state such as Ohio that is said to value its rural constituents, it's hard to conceptualize how many of these areas like Loveland, OH will keep from providing the results that Oklahoma, Louisiana, West Virginia and so many others have for years.

I ask you to consider my testimony and choose to support the 90% of Ohio students who attend public schools. Please include the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.